

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

10/718,017

Applicant(s)

GILL, AJIT SINGH

Examiner

James M. Hewitt

Art Unit

3679

All Participants:(1) James M. Hewitt.(2) Robert Mallinckrodt.**Status of Application:** _____

(3) _____

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Date of Interview: 20 September 2005**Time:** _____**Type of Interview:**☒ Telephonic☐ Video Conference☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

N/A

Claims discussed:

1-27

Prior art documents discussed:

DeMore et al (US 6,106,029)

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.
(Examiner/SPE Signature)_____
(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner proposed amending claim 1 with the limitations of claim 24 in order to distinguish from DeMore et al. Applicant's representative argued that this was not necessary as DeMore et al did not disclose the limitations posited in the last paragraph of claim 1. The examiner found these arguments persuasive and agreed that the claims were allowable over the prior art. And as claim 1 is a generic claim, the withdrawn claims 3, 5-21 and 25-27 were examined on the merits. Several of the claims were agreed to be amended as reflected in the accompanying Examiner's Amendment in order to clarify the claims and obviate certain informalities.